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## TERMINAL HARVEST AREA TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that king salmon 26 inches and greater may be retained by commercial trollers fishing in the following Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) only, from June 1 through June 30, 2012:

Neets Bay Terminal Area (101-95): The waters of Neets Bay, east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island to the closed waters area at the head of the bay. Beginning the second Sunday in June, the area will be expanded to waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point to the closed waters at the head of the bay (5 AAC 33.370(b)(5)).

Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area (107-35): The waters of Anita Bay west of a line from Anita Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°14.26' N. latitude, 132°23.92' W. longitude. As amended during the 2012 BOF meeting, beginning June 15, the waters within one-quarter mile of the northern shoreline of Anita Bay west of a line from 56°12.31' N. latitude, 132°26.22' W. longitude, to 56°12.06' N. latitude, 132°26.22′ W. longitude, and east of a line from 56°11.96′ N. latitude, 132°29.58′ W. longitude, to 56°11.73′ N. latitude, 132°29.36′ W. longitude, will be open.

NOTE: (1) From June 15 through June 25, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.22' W. longitude, are closed to the harvest of salmon; (2) From June 26 through July 1, the waters of Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.98′ W. longitude, are closed to the harvest of salmon.

Port Armstrong Terminal Harvest Area (109-11): The waters of Port Armstrong west of a line from Point Eliza at 56°17.73' N. latitude, 134°38.75' W. longitude to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°17.98′ N. latitude, 134°38.35′ W. longitude.

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (112-22): In Chatham Strait, only those waters of Section 12-A within two nautical miles of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point and north of 57°06.83' N. latitude (south of Takatz Bay), excluding waters of Kelp Bay (5 AAC 33.374(a)).

Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (113-38): In Sitka Sound, the waters of Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters as described in 5 AAC 33.376(b). As amended during the 2012 BOF meeting, from May 27 through June 16, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75′ W. longitude will be excluded from the Deep Inlet THA.

The retention of king salmon no less than 26 inches is allowed ONLY in the areas listed above [5 AAC 29.140(d)]. King salmon less than 28 inches in length must be offloaded prior to fishing in any other troll fishery area where the size limit is 28 inches or greater. Fishing area descriptions and maps can be found in the 2012 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan.

Troll fishery information can be found at: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon</a>.

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